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THE card-writing fever has broken out
 very suddenly in Omaha.

Whoever is awarded the contract of
 street cleaning in Omaha will have a big
 job on his hands.

When Mr. Keifer leaves the present
 congress he is not likely to be heard of
 again in public life.

The Carpenter trial is ended, but we
 continue to receive the daily dose of the
 Sharon-Hill nastiness from the Pacific
 coast.

GEORGE W. PECK'S "Bad Boy" has
 bought a \$40,000 house for his father.
 That's the kind of a boy to have in the
 family.

"Knock and it shall be opened unto
 you" was not intended for the territories.
 They are knocking in vain for admission
 to the union.

COMMISSIONER EVANS has set a good
 example by issuing an order that all sub-
 ordinate officials who do not pay their
 honest debts shall be dismissed.

The democratic party continues its
 straddling and straggling policy. Hav-
 ing split on the tariff rock, it will now
 re-unite in this cry, "Turn the rascals
 out."

MR. VINING has gone to Boston. The
 railway magnates want him to explain
 how he dared to make that little cut of
 his own free will which inaugurated the
 Colorado war.

DR. MILLER refuses to be responsible
 for the blunders of the democratic party,
 and hence he will not attend their
 National convention. It is a foregone
 conclusion with him that the democrats
 will not elect the next president.

THE BEE is an influential paper, and it
 feels slighted by President Arthur's ac-
 tion in ignoring its suggestion that
 General John M. Thayer should be appointed
 minister to Russia, but we suppose the
 president is reserving something better
 for the eminent Nebraskans.

DR. GEORGE L. MILLER has unani-
 mously resolved that he will not accept
 the position of delegate to the national
 democratic convention at Chicago, and
 he has published his ultimatum to that
 effect. We presume that Dr. John I.
 Redick will take him at his word.

FOR once the democracy of this city
 has done a sensible thing by nominating
 Messrs. Conroy, Long and Points for
 members of the board of education,
 thus taking the schools out of politics.
 The republicans should follow the ex-
 ample of the democrats and make the
 election unanimous.

MRS. LOGAN is a long-headed politician.
 She is not as confident of her husband's
 nomination to the presidency as John A.
 Logan is, so she has very wisely planned
 for the re-election of her husband to the
 senate next year, by putting his formidable
 rival, Dick Oglesby, into the gubernatorial
 chair. Mrs. Logan will have to provide
 also for Green B. Raum, who has his
 eye on Logan's senatorial shoes.

A COOLNESS has lately sprung up be-
 tween the two life-long leaders of the
 democratic party in Nebraska. It is liable
 to lose the state for the democracy in the
 electoral college. It seems to us that
 Dr. Redick and Judge Miller should em-
 brace and harmonize their little differ-
 ences. If Judge Miller cannot publish a
 pure, old-fashioned democratic paper, let
 him sell out.

SECRETARY FRELINGHUYSEN cabled his
 congratulations to Minister Sargent upon
 his promotion from Germany to Russia.
 Sargent may not feel very happy, how-
 ever, over these congratulations. A trans-
 fer from Berlin to St. Petersburg might
 be agreeable for a summer vacation, but
 for a steady residence St. Petersburg,
 with its nihilists and Siberian blizzards,
 is anything but a comfortable place.

THE Iowa legislature has been very
 liberal in its appropriations. It has ap-
 propriated \$40,000 for a building at Iowa
 City college for scientific purpose; \$200,-
 000 for a new insane hospital at Clarinda,
 and there are now pending bills to ap-
 propriate \$40,000 for a new addition to
 the deaf mute institute at Council Bluffs;
 and \$50,000 for a soldiers' home in west-
 ern Iowa. Besides these several new
 offices have been created, among them
 being a state veterinary surgeon. Iowa
 is out of debt and she can afford to be
 liberal with her public institutions.

GENERAL BABCOCK'S PROMOTION.

The retirement of General Wright from
 the head of the United States engineer
 corps and the death of General Godfrey
 Weitzel have made vacancies in the en-
 gineer corps which will be filled by promo-
 tion as usual. One of the officers who
 expect to be promoted, according to
 seniority, is General O. E. Babcock, who
 became notorious during the last years of
 General Grant's administration, in con-
 nection with the whisky crooks and Boss
 Shepard's ring in Washington. Bab-
 cock's rank is major, and his promotion
 will make him lieutenant colonel of en-
 gineers, but he is liable to meet with some
 opposition, which may not be entirely
 unexpected. The opposition will come
 from General McDonald and Mrs. La
 Motte better known as the Syph, of
 St. Louis whisky-ring notoriety. This
 precious pair have put in an appearance
 in Washington with the intention of de-
 feating Babcock's confirmation by the
 senate. The day has passed, however,
 for them to do General Babcock any seri-
 ous injury, as their influence is very
 limited. It will be remembered that
 Babcock and McDonald were tried for
 conspiracy to defraud the government,
 the former being acquitted and the latter
 convicted. McDonald has ever since
 cherished a deep hatred against Babcock,
 whose powerful friends he expected to
 help him out as they did Babcock. He
 is now naturally seeking revenge, but his
 motive being known it is not likely that
 he will be successful.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Certain malcontents and schemers are
 now trying to induce the republicans to
 nominate a strictly partisan school board
 on the plea that the Sixth ward must
 have a member in the board. This would
 affect the main object of the present ed-
 ucational system. Our board of educa-
 tion is elected from the city at large for
 the purpose of getting the best men no
 matter where they live. They are elected
 for three years, and there is no provision
 that requires them to reside in any par-
 ticular location. The board cannot be
 partial to ward interests. Its business is
 to provide school houses and educational
 facilities where most needed. The Sixth
 ward might as well insist on having the
 high school. The real object of these
 schemers who are agitating this ward
 representation is simply to get men in
 the board who will help displace Super-
 intendent James, and make an opening
 for a political schoolmaster who is out of
 meat.

THE promotion of Colonel David I.
 Stanley to be brigadier general is said to
 make life miserable for General Hazen.
 It was Stanley who accused Hazen of
 cowardice at the battle of Shiloh in a
 widely published letter, and it was Hazen
 who charged Stanley with falsehood and
 conduct unbecoming an officer in publish-
 ing such an accusation. The court martial
 found Stanley guilty of conduct un-
 becoming an officer, but they decided
 that it was no falsehood to call Hazen a
 coward. The other applicants for Mc-
 kenzie's star were Gen. Abner Baird,
 Brockell, Grierson, Merritt, Wilcox,
 Hatch, Ruger and Otis of the Twentieth
 infantry. Gen. Gibbon, in temporary
 command of the army of the Platte, who
 alone outranked Stanley on the list of
 the colonels, made no application as he
 realized that it was useless; but the
 other officers named were well endorsed.
 It was understood that Gen. Grant was
 backing Wesley Merritt, but if he said
 anything in his behalf it was verbally
 done, as there is no letter on file from
 him. General Sheridan commended Stanley
 very warmly for the promotion, and be-
 sides he had the endorsement of a host
 of influential friends who fought by his
 side during the war of the rebellion, but
 who are now in private life. Stanley's
 appointment will promote Lieut. Col.
 Swan, of the Fifteenth infantry, to the
 colony of the Twenty-second, Maj. Gen-
 tery of the Ninth to the colony of the
 Fifteenth, and Capt. Parker, of the
 Third, will become major at the Ninth.

It is a poor man indeed who cannot
 have a boom this year in Nebraska.
 There ought to be offices enough for
 every aspirant, as the ticket that will be
 put into the ballot box this fall will be
 longer than the moral law. It will be
 headed by the presidential electors, then
 come the congressmen, next follow the
 state officers, and finally come the mem-
 bers of the legislature and any vacancies
 that may occur.

THERE is now pending in the New
 York legislature a bill requiring the
 packers of canned goods to stamp the
 date on their packages showing when
 they were put up. The packers are
 making a strong fight against the bill.
 We move to amend the bill by requiring
 the manufacturers of railroad sandwiches
 to stamp the date on their products. It
 would also be a good thing if the eat-
 ing-house spring chickens were dated.

THE Chicago Opera House company
 has taken out a building permit to erect
 a nine-story and basement opera house,
 107x180 feet at the southwest corner of
 Washington and Clark streets, the site of
 the present Exchange block, to cost
 \$500,000. The intention is to begin
 work as soon as possible and push the
 structure to completion as rapidly as
 practicable.

We presume the constitution of Ne-
 braska has no effect upon the railroads,
 otherwise the Union Pacific and B. & M.
 would not attempt to pool. The con-
 stitution prohibits pooling.

THE leading democratic paper, the
 New York Sun, expresses its disgust at
 the result of the democratic tariff caucus

in unmeasured terms, and asks, "Where
 are the trumpet notes that so recently
 rang through all approaches to the capitol?
 Where are the bright banners of the
 new crusade?" We give it up. We
 don't wonder that Charles A. Dana has
 gone to Mexico.

INDIAN EDUCATION.

Education among the Indians is pro-
 gressing much more rapidly than is gen-
 erally supposed. There are forty thou-
 sand Indian children in this country, and
 it is claimed by Mr. Haworth, superin-
 tendent of Indian education, that fifteen
 thousand of these children are being edu-
 cated, and more than ten thousand are
 now in the schools under the govern-
 ment. Secretary Teller is taking a great
 interest in Indian education, and is es-
 tablishing new schools as rapidly as pos-
 sible. Three have already been opened
 this year, and another will be started in
 May. The capacity of the Indian schools
 is now 11,500, and the enrollment is re-
 ported as 10,247.

This is indeed a good showing, when it
 is taken into consideration that the gov-
 ernment began the systematic education
 of the Indians at a comparatively recent
 date—during Grant's first administra-
 tion. The only instruction the Indians
 had prior to this was from the mission-
 aries, except the "Five Nations," who
 had an established system of schools.
 The work of the government practically
 began in 1863, and in less than two years
 there were sixty government schools in
 operation, with an enrollment of 3,095
 pupils. The Indian children have proved
 very bright and apt students, and ap-
 preciate what is being done in their behalf.

The state of New Jersey is by law to
 have an Arbor day in April hereafter,
 and Governor Abbott has required the
 farmers to inform him what day in the
 month will, in their opinion, be the
 most favorable for the purpose. Governor
 Abbott's inquisitiveness reminds us of
 the Jersey farmer who asked Horace
 Greeley's opinion as to the best time to
 cut elders.

ANOTHER hundred doctors have been
 turned loose by the Chicago doctor fac-
 tories. It looks very much as if there
 were an over-production among these
 factories. Would it not be advisable for
 them to follow the course of other man-
 ufacturing establishments, and take a
 rest until there is more of a demand for
 their products?

PRIZE fighting in New York is becom-
 ing an expensive luxury. A New York
 prize fighter has just received a sentence
 of six months in the penitentiary and a
 fine of \$200, which is enough to keep
 him in his cell three hundred days more
 if not paid. He had no record as a
 "knocker-out," hence his conviction.

GENERAL GROSVENOR, of Ohio, is en-
 titled to a monument. He has returned
 to the national treasury \$3,975, which
 sum was awarded to him as back pay
 under the arrears of pensions act. We
 doubt whether there is another man in
 the country that would have done this.

THE innocent Mr. Logan declares with
 tears in his eyes that Mr. Blaine is play-
 ing a sort of Heavens Chinese game on
 him and has dissolved the political part-
 nership. Arthur and Logan may be the
 ticket after all.—New York Journal.

Not very likely. Illinois has a favorite
 son for the second place, and his name is
 Bob Lincoln.

THE miners of the Cour d'Alene coun-
 ty have adopted the platform, "The Chi-
 nese must not come." They have imposed
 the penalty of hanging on any Chi-
 naman who enters the mines. Under the
 circumstances it is not likely that they
 will be bothered by any Chinamen.

BENJAMIN will be sixty-nine years old
 next Tuesday. He came into the world
 on April 1st, 1815, but he is not to blame
 for making his debut on April Fool's
 day. It was one of those events which
 could be postponed on account of the
 weather.

DR. REDICK'S diagnosis of Judge
 Miller's case is "pin worms."

RENO'S Cowardice.

John Mulvaney, the artist, who painted
 Custer's Last Rally, spent much time on
 the scene of Custer's death and among
 the Indians near the fort. At Detroit last
 week he told the following story of Reno's
 cowardice in that memorable fight: When
 Custer sent Reno across the ford of the
 river to attack the Indians upon one side,
 while he made a detour and attacked them
 upon the other, he expected him to obey
 orders. This Reno did not do. He
 deployed to a patch of timber and took
 shelter therein, at a range of 1,000 yards
 from the enemy. Here he laid making
 various futile maneuvers, until Custer
 was well on his way to the upper and
 more dangerous ford. Then, without
 warning, he suddenly mounted and
 ordered a retreat. He only lost one
 man while in the timber, but more than
 a score fell before he had succeeded in
 crossing the ford. The Indians saw their
 advantage, and were not slow to avail
 themselves of it. The consequence was
 that when Custer returned to the upper ford,
 Major Reno was not in the rear of the
 army to support him, and he fell a vic-
 tim to the cowardice of his subordinate
 officer. This is the general belief on the
 plains, and I believe it to be a true one.
 Had Major Reno been what an officer of
 the United States army should be, Gen.
 Custer would have escaped alive.

VAN WYCK for Vice-President.

Blair Republican.

Why should not Van Wyck aspire to
 the vice-presidency, or at least his
 friends press his claims? If statesman-
 ship is to be measured by stultum, in-
 defatigable work in the interest of the
 people (not corporations) and his state-
 where shall we look for his peer among
 the representatives of the northwest?
 Nebraska has reason to be proud that
 she has a senator able to stamp his name
 and fame on the politics of the nation.

THE STATE IN GENERAL.

The Hastings creamery will start up about
 the 10th of April.

The price of haled hay has gone up to \$7.50
 in the city. The spring election is near.

It is rumored in Hastings that the U. P.
 will build from St. Paul to that city.

Capt. Dodge, leader of the vigilantes of
 Brown county, has been arrested by the

sheriff of Antelope county to answer an in-
 dictment of the grand jury charging him with
 horse stealing.

A Polk county man named Lockhard put
 up \$20.75 in court for the pleasure of "pasting
 W. Cochran in the neck." Source?

Banker Catbeter has made the Episcopal
 Church society of Blair, the present of a
 house and lot adjoining the church, valued at
 about \$1,500.

Brownville has increased her offer of twenty
 acres, made some weeks ago, to sixty, to in-
 duce the B. & M. to bridge the Missouri at
 that point and cross over.

The creamery at Kearney is all inclosed and
 the inside work nearly completed. The ma-
 chinery has arrived and will be set and in run-
 ning order in a few days.

The Oakes Bros. Comedy company appeared
 before a full house in Ponca, and The Journal
 says "The troupe was also full, individually and
 collectively of poor whistlers."

The creamery men held a convention at
 Fairbury last Monday. The creamery busi-
 ness is gaining rapidly in all portions of the
 state and will soon be one of the leading in-
 dustries.

The David City "top" works are under
 way. This will be a great help to marriageable
 young and old ladies during the leap year. It
 will be a big, knobby matter to pop heretofore at
 David City.

A Burlington & Missouri brakeman named
 J. D. McBurne was arrested at Weymouth for
 stealing freight from the company's ware-
 house. He pleaded guilty and was fined, and
 the company discharged him.

Two fly females in flashing costumes were
 pulled off the train at Sidney the other day,
 and held for the officers of Cheyenne. They
 were accused of robbing a Cheyenneite of
 \$500, but only \$500 of the booty was found.

Mrs. Mary Lee, wife of John S. Lee, of
 Crete, died last Saturday of poison. The jury
 declared the poison was "not self-adminis-
 tered nor taken by accident, but by whom
 administered the jury are, from the evidence,
 unable to decide."

Ed. Wild, of Blair, was arrested for fast
 driving and fined \$5 and costs. Then Ed had
 the complaining witness, Wm. McCormick,
 arrested for leaving his dray horse on the
 street unattended, and Mack was fined \$3 and
 costs; but Mack was mad and appealed his
 case to the district court.

The employees of citizens of Waterloo,
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 ning factory scheme in a business way. At a re-
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